

DNREC's Natural Resources Police team up with U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program

DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin, Cpl. Andrew Manning of Delaware State Parks Natural Resources Police, and 6-year-old zoo visitor Huxley Young prepare to add presents to the Toys for Tots donation box at the Brandywine Zoo in Wilmington. Secretary Garvin and DNREC Natural Resources Police officers gathered at the zoo today to encourage the public to donate toys as gifts to less fortunate children at DNREC locations statewide by Dec. 12/ DNREC photo: Joanna Wilson

DOVER – DNREC Natural Resources Police units from Delaware State Parks, the Division of Fish & Wildlife, and the Environmental Crimes Unit within DNREC's Division of Community Affairs have teamed up with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program to provide toys for children in local communities for the holidays.

Brandywine Zoo, operated by DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation, hosted the event today, Nov. 27, to promote DNREC's Natural Resources Police officers' donations for the Toys for Tots campaign. Left to right: Zoo Director Andy Fischer, Fish & Wildlife Officer Bryan Whittington and Capt. John Lock, Zoo Curator of Animals Lynn Klein, State Parks Capt. John Marks Community Relations Coordinator Shauna McVey, Environmental Crimes Unit Officer Matthew Tull and Chief Daniel Wood, State Parks Chief of Police, DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin, and State Parks Cpl. Andrew Manning. DNREC photo: Joanna Wilson

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys suitable for boys and girls of all ages, and

distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in communities nationwide.

Toys will be accepted through Thursday, Dec. 12 at the following drop-off locations:

- All Delaware State Park offices statewide, including the Brandywine Zoo, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Natural Resources Police office in Sussex County at 23530 Campbell Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Environmental Crimes Unit offices at 715 Grantham Lane, New Castle, DE 19720, and 97 Commerce Way, Suite 106, Dover, DE 19904, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- DNREC Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Various locations and events throughout the state attended by Natural Resources Police officers.

For more information, or for the dates and locations of upcoming events where toys can be donated, please contact Delaware State Parks Cpl. Andy Manning at andrew.manning@delaware.gov or 302-855-2113, Sgt. Brooke Mitchell at brooke.mitchell@delaware.gov or 302-739-9913, or PFC Rebecca Schuman, at Rebecca.schuman@delaware.gov, or 302-739-9401.

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